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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 4177

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EEC, XF, SY
SUBJECT: SYRIAN REACTION TO EEC STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

1. FRG AMBASSADOR TOLD US JULY 3 THAT EEC AMBASSADORS HAD
BEEN JOINTLY CONVOKED TO MEET WITH DEPFONMIN KHANI PREVIOUS
DAY. KHANI HAD BEGUN BY THANKING THEM FOR STATEMENT WHICH
SYRIA CONSIDERED A POSITIVE AND TIMELY STEP. WHILE IT DID
NOT MEET ALL SYRIAN CONCERNS, SARG NEVERTHELESS WELCOMED
THE STATEMENT. KHANI WENT ON TO REVIEW POSITIONS OF
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SOCIALIST BLOC AND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WHICH HE POINTED
OUT SHOWED DEEPER APPRECIATION OF ARAB POSITION. HE URGED
EEG GOVERNMENTS TO RESIST TEMPTATION TO SIT BACK
AND RELAX, HAVING ISSUED STATEMENT, BUT INSTEAD TO
REMAIN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SEARCH FOR ME SETTLEMENT.

2. FRG AMBASSADOR SAID THAT PRIOR TO EUROPEAN COUNCIL

MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
HAD INDIVIDUALLY CALLED IN EACH EEC AMBASSADOR TO
SUPPORT ISSUANCE OF NEW ME STATEMENT BY COUNCIL.

3. KHANI CONFIRMED TO CHARGE JULY 4 THAT SYRIANS WERE
PLEASED WITH ISSUANCE OF U.S. AND EUROPEAN STATEMENTS AND
THOUGHT THAT TIMING, IN ADVANCE OF PRIMIN BEGIN'S U.S.
VISIT, WOULD INCREASE CHANCES FOR POSITIVE OUTCOME OF
CARTER-BEGIN TALKS. SYRIA HAD PROBLEMS WITH PARTS OF BOTH
STATEMENTS, HE ADDED, BUT THESE COULD BE PASSED OVER FOR
NOW. IN ANSWER TO HIS QUESTION REGARDING LE MONDE'S
INTERPRETATION THAT JUNE 27 STATEMENT MEANT US NOW FAVORED
TOTAL WITHDRAWAL, CHARGE REPLIED THIS WAS NOT CORRECT.
FULLEST STATEMENT OF US VIEWS REMAINED VP MONDALE'S
JUNE 17 SPEECH.
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